Reheating and Dark Matter Freeze-in in the Higgs-R2 Inflation Model

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Introduction

Inflation

- Rapid expansion of early universe
- theoretically & observationally established
- Slow roll inflation (scalar field : inflaton)









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Natural idea = Higgs inflation

Original Higgs inflation

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Recent development

- introduce a new d.o.f
- other formulations of GR (Palatini, Einstein-Cartan, ...)
- Critical Higgs inflation

Higgs-R^2 inflation model

Salvio & Mazumdar '15, Ema '17, Gorbunov & Tokareva '18, Gundhi & Steinwachs '18, D. Y. Cheong & S. M. Lee & S. C. Park '21, SA, H. M. Lee, A. G. Menkara,'21...

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- $R^2 \supset$ higher derivative of metric \Rightarrow a new d.o.f (scalaron = σ -field)
- σ -field push up the cutoff to $\sim M_{pl}$ (solve unitarity problem)
- keep successful inflation (Higgs inflation + Starobinsky inflation)
- predictive

Short summary of Higgs-R^2 inflation

✓ Inflatons = { σ , h}.

But for large (positive) ξ , Higgs can be integrated out with non-trivial VEV.

 $\checkmark n_s \& r$: Perfect agreement with observation

✓ CMB normalization:

$$\frac{\lambda + 9\kappa \left(\xi + \frac{1}{6}\right)^2}{\kappa \lambda} = 2.25 \times 10^{10}.$$

 $\kappa \equiv 1/(36\alpha)$

 \checkmark interpolate Higgs and R^2 inflation (λ vs $\kappa \xi^2$)

Parameter space

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Dynamics after inflation = Reheating

Dark matter production during/after reheating

Reheating

Background dynamics after inflation

After inflation, h and σ start to oscillate



Asymmetric for $\sigma > 0$ and $\sigma < 0$

Reheating

M. He, 2010.11717 SA, A.G.Menkara, H.M.Lee, K.Yamashita, 2202.13063

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Numerical simulation



Reheating and maximum temperature



 $\xi \downarrow \Rightarrow T_{reh} \downarrow$ No significant difference in T_{reh} and $T_{max} \sim 10^{13-14}$ (GeV) for relatively large ξ

Equation of state





reheating completion

 $\langle \omega \rangle \sim 0$ during reheating (matter like) $\omega \sim 1/3$ after reheating

Freeze-in Dark Matter

Motivation

- In addition to hot thermal plasma,
 Dark matter (DM) is also necessary ingredient
- FIMP (= feebly interacting massive particle) ⇔ WIMP
 Freeze-in ⇔ Freeze-out

Reheating dynamics matters for the relic abundance

• Other mechanisms for DM, e.g., PBH \rightarrow D.Y. Cheong's talk

Model (X : scalar DM with Z_2)

Jordan frame action :

$$\mathcal{L}/\sqrt{-g_J} = \frac{1}{2}(M_{\rm Pl}^2 + \xi \hat{h}^2 + \eta \hat{X}^2)R_J - \frac{1}{2}(\partial_{\mu}\hat{h})^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\partial_{\mu}\hat{X})^2 - \tilde{V}(\hat{h},\hat{X}) + \alpha R_J^2 + \mathcal{L}_{\rm SM}$$

Non-minimal coupling

$$\tilde{V}(\hat{h},\hat{X}) = \frac{\lambda}{4}\hat{h}^4 + \frac{m_X^2}{2}\hat{X}^2 + \frac{\lambda_X}{4}\hat{X}^4 + \frac{\lambda_{hX}}{4}\hat{h}^2\hat{X}^2$$

Higgs portal

 $|\tilde{\eta}|$, $|\lambda_{hX}| \sim 0$ (feeble interactions) $\tilde{\eta} \equiv \eta + \frac{1}{6}$.

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Move to Einstein frame

Many Planck suppressed interactions (feeble interactions)

What to do

Solve Boltzmann equation for FIMP

 $\dot{n}_X + 3Hn_X = R(T), \quad n_X : \text{DM number density}$

To solve this,

specify

- time (temperature) evolution of H
- R(T) : Reaction rate

Temperature evolution of *H*

universe evolves differently during and after RH



Reaction rate R(T)

 \checkmark Two kinds of production mechanism

Thermal production = from radiation Efficient both during and after RH



Non-thermal production = from inflaton Efficient during RH



 \checkmark In both cases, graviton exchange diagram is important

S. Clery, Y. Mambrini, K. A. Olive, S. Verner' 21

Summary
$$Y \equiv n_X T^{-3}$$

• Thermal production after RH

Thermal production during RH

 $Y_{\text{During RH, thermal}} \simeq \frac{69\sqrt{10}}{40\pi^6 g_{\text{reh}}^{1/2}} \frac{T_{\text{reh}}^3}{M_{\text{Pl}}^3}$

Non-thermal production during RH

$$Y_{\text{During RH, non-thermal}} \simeq \frac{\sqrt{3}\pi g_{\text{reh}}}{2239488} \frac{T_{\text{reh}}}{\kappa^2 M_{\text{Pl}}^{11}} \frac{\rho_{\sigma,\text{end}}^4}{\rho_{\text{end}}^{3/2}}$$

Parameter space ($\tilde{\eta} = \lambda_{hX} = 0$)



Effects of $\tilde{\eta}$ and λ_{hX}

To avoid overproduction $\Rightarrow |\lambda_{hX}| \lesssim 10^{-10}$ & $|\tilde{\eta}| \lesssim 10^{-6}$



Summary

- Higgs-R^2 = UV completion of Higgs inflation
- Study post inflationary dynamics (Reheating, DM genesis)
- temperature evolution during/after reheating
- Scalar FIMP DM ($\tilde{\eta}$, $\lambda_{hX} \sim 0$)
- Evaluate relic abundance including thermal/non-thermal production, graviton exchange, temperature evolution, etc.
- Non-thermal << Thermal production
- $T_{\rm reh} \sim 10^{14} ({\rm GeV}) \Rightarrow 10^7 < m_X < 10^{10}$ can explain a correct relic density

Future direction

- spinning DM ?
- Baryogenesis ?
- Preheating effects ?

Thank you !!

Backup

Dual picture

Y. Ema, K. Mukaida, J. van de Vis, 2002.11739 SA, H. M. Lee, A. G. Menkara, 2104.10390,2108.00222

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$$\mathcal{L}/\sqrt{-g_J} = \frac{1}{2}(M_{\rm Pl}^2 + \xi \hat{h}^2 + 4\alpha \hat{\chi})R_J - \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \hat{h})^2 - \frac{\lambda}{4}\hat{h}^4 - \alpha \hat{\chi}^2.$$

Conformal transformation :

$$g_{J\mu\nu} = \Delta^{-2} g_{L\mu\nu}, \quad \hat{h} = \Delta h, \quad \hat{\chi} = \Delta^2 \chi,$$
$$\Delta^{-2} = \left(1 + \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{6}M_{\rm Pl}}\right)^2$$
$$\left(1 + \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{6}M_{\rm Pl}}\right)^2 + \xi \frac{h^2}{M_{\rm Pl}^2} + 4\alpha \frac{\chi}{M_{\rm Pl}^2} = 1 - \frac{h^2}{6M_{\rm Pl}^2} - \frac{\sigma^2}{6M_{\rm Pl}^2}$$

Dual picture

Higgs- σ system (linear-sigma frame)

$$\mathcal{L}/\sqrt{-g_L} = \frac{M_{\rm Pl}^2}{2} \left(1 - \frac{h^2}{6M_{\rm Pl}^2} - \frac{\sigma^2}{6M_{\rm Pl}^2} \right) R_L - \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \sigma)^2 - \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu h)^2 - \frac{\lambda}{4} h^4 - \frac{\kappa}{4} \left[\sigma(\sigma + \sqrt{6}M_{\rm Pl}) + 3\left(\xi + \frac{1}{6}\right) h^2 \right]^2, \qquad \kappa \equiv 1/(36\alpha)$$

- $R^2 \Rightarrow \sigma$ -field
- manifest unitarity and perturbativity if

$$\kappa \lesssim 1, \quad \lambda_{\text{eff}} \equiv \lambda + 9\kappa \left(\xi + \frac{1}{6}\right)^2 \lesssim 1, \quad 6\kappa \left(\xi + \frac{1}{6}\right) \lesssim 1.$$

Numerical solutions after inflation $(\Gamma = 0)$



$$V = \frac{1}{\Omega^4} \left[\frac{1}{4} \kappa \left(\sigma (\sigma + \sqrt{6}M_{\text{Pl}}) + 3\left(\xi + \frac{1}{6}\right)h^2 \right)^2 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda h^4 \right]$$

Tachyonic mass of *h* for $\sigma < 0$

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$$m_{\sigma}^{2} = \begin{cases} 3\kappa M_{\rm Pl}^{2} \equiv m_{\sigma,+}^{2} &, \quad \sigma_{0} > 0, \\ \frac{3\kappa\lambda M_{\rm Pl}^{2}}{\lambda + 9\kappa\tilde{\xi}^{2}} \equiv m_{\sigma,-}^{2} &, \quad \sigma_{0} < 0 \end{cases} \qquad m_{h}^{2} = \begin{cases} 3\sqrt{6}\kappa\tilde{\xi}M_{\rm Pl}\sigma_{0} \equiv m_{h,+}^{2} &, \quad \sigma_{0} > 0, \\ 6\sqrt{6}\kappa\tilde{\xi}(-M_{\rm Pl}\sigma_{0}) \equiv m_{h,-}^{2} &, \quad \sigma_{0} < 0, \end{cases}$$

Boltzmann equations

$$\begin{split} \mathsf{EOM of } h: \quad \ddot{h} + \frac{h}{3\Omega^2 M_{\mathrm{Pl}}^2} \dot{h}^2 + \frac{\sigma}{3\Omega^2 M_{\mathrm{Pl}}^2} \dot{\sigma} \dot{h} + (3H + f_{h_{\mathrm{osc}}}) \dot{h} \\ + \frac{2h}{3\Omega^2 M_{\mathrm{Pl}}^2} U + \frac{1}{\Omega^2} \left(1 - \frac{h^2}{6M_{\mathrm{Pl}}^2} \right) U_h - \frac{h\sigma}{6\Omega^2 M_{\mathrm{Pl}}^2} U_\sigma = 0, \end{split}$$

Radiation
$$\rho_{r}$$
: $\dot{\rho}_{r} + 4H\rho_{r} - \Gamma_{\sigma_{0}} \int_{\Omega^{4}} \left[\left(1 - \frac{h^{2}}{6M_{\mathrm{Pl}}^{2}} \right) \dot{\sigma}^{2} + \frac{h\sigma}{6M_{\mathrm{Pl}}^{2}} \dot{\sigma}\dot{h} \right] - \Gamma_{h_{\mathrm{osc}}} \int_{\Omega^{4}} \left[\left(1 - \frac{\sigma^{2}}{6M_{\mathrm{Pl}}^{2}} \right) \dot{h}^{2} + \frac{h\sigma}{6M_{\mathrm{Pl}}^{2}} \dot{\sigma}\dot{h} \right] = 0,$

Friedmann : $3H^2M_{\rm Pl}^2 = \rho_{\sigma+h} + \rho_r$ $\rho_{\sigma+h}$: total energy density of inflatons

Energy density and Pressure

$$\begin{split} \rho_{\sigma} &= \frac{1}{2} \dot{\sigma}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_{\sigma,+}^2 \sigma^2, \quad \rho_h = \frac{1}{2} \dot{h}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_{h,+}^2 h^2 + \frac{\lambda_{\text{eff}}}{4} h^4, \\ p_{\sigma} &= \frac{1}{2} \dot{\sigma}^2 - \frac{1}{2} m_{\sigma,+}^2 \sigma^2, \quad p_h = \frac{1}{2} \dot{h}^2 - \frac{1}{2} m_{h,+}^2 h^2 - \frac{\lambda_{\text{eff}}}{4} h^4, \end{split}$$

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Inflaton potential

Higgs can be integrated out during inflation \rightarrow only σ -field remains

Effective potential:

$$V_{\text{eff}}(\phi) \simeq V_{I} \left(1 - \frac{2\lambda + \kappa(3\xi + 1)(6\xi + 1)}{\lambda + 9\kappa(\xi + \frac{1}{6})^{2}} \cdot e^{-\frac{2\phi}{\sqrt{6}M_{\text{Pl}}}} + \cdots \right) \quad V_{I} \equiv \frac{9\kappa\lambda M_{\text{Pl}}^{4}}{4\left(\lambda + 9\kappa(\xi + \frac{1}{6})^{2}\right)}.$$

$$\mathsf{CMB normalization:} \quad \frac{\lambda + 9\kappa(\xi + \frac{1}{6})^{2}}{\kappa\lambda} = 2.25 \times 10^{10}.$$

Derivation of Boltzmann equation

L. J. Hall, K. Jedamzik, J. March-Russell and S. M. West, 0911.1120

$$B_1 \to B_2 X.$$

$$\dot{n}_X + 3Hn_X = \int d\Pi_X d\Pi_{B_1} d\Pi_{B_2} (2\pi)^4 \delta^4 (p_X + p_{B_2} - p_{B_1})$$

$$\times \left[|M|^2_{B_1 \to B_2 + X} f_{B_1} (1 \pm f_{B_2}) (1 \pm f_X) - |M|^2_{B_2 + X \to B_1} f_{B_2} f_X (1 \pm f_{B_1}) \right]$$

Previous works

Reheating

\checkmark Perturbative reheating

M. He, 2010.11717 D.Y. Cheong, talk at APPPC 2021

✓ Preheating

M. He, R. Jinno, K. Kamada, S. C. Park, A. A. Starobinsky, J. Yokoyama '18 F. Bezrukov and C. Shepherd, '20

DM production

✓ Primordial black hole

D. Y. Cheong, S. M. Lee, and S. C. Park , '19

radiation dominated, only thermal production

R(T) for thermal production :

L. J. Hall, K. Jedamzik, J. March-Russell and S. M. West, 0911.1120

$$R = \frac{T}{2^{11}\pi^6} \int_{4m_X^2}^{\infty} ds \, d\Omega \, K_1 \left(\frac{\sqrt{s}}{T}\right) \sqrt{s - 4m_X^2} \frac{\left|\mathcal{M}_{i_1+i_2 \to X+X}\right|^2}{\left|\mathbf{M}_{i_1+i_2 \to X+X}\right|^2},$$

amplitude

contact terms

$$-\frac{X^2}{12M_{\rm Pl}^2}(\partial_{\mu}h)^2 - \frac{h^2}{12M_{\rm Pl}^2}(\partial_{\mu}X)^2 - \frac{hX}{6M_{\rm Pl}^2}\partial_{\mu}h\partial^{\mu}X + c_{hhXX}h^2X^2$$

Higgs-DM interactions

$$c_{hhXX} = -\frac{m_X^2}{6M_{\rm Pl}^2} - \frac{9}{2}\kappa\tilde{\xi}\tilde{\eta} - \frac{\lambda_{hX}}{4},$$

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$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{M}_{h+h\to X+X}^{\text{total}}|^2 &= \left(\frac{s+2m_X^2}{6M_{\text{Pl}}^2} + 18\kappa\tilde{\eta}\tilde{\xi} + \lambda_{hX} + \frac{(t-m_X^2)(s+t-m_X^2)}{sM_{\text{Pl}}^2}\right)^2 \\ |\mathcal{M}_{f+f\to X+X}^G|^2 &= \frac{-1}{2M_{\text{Pl}}^4s^2} \left(s+2t-2m_X^2\right)^2 \left(\left(t-m_X^2\right)^2 + st\right), \\ |\mathcal{M}_{V+V\to X+X}^G|^2 &= \frac{2}{M_{\text{Pl}}^4s^2} \left(m_X^4 - 2m_X^2t + t(s+t)\right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Integrate Boltzmann eq. from T_{reh} to T_* (Note : depends only on T_{reh})



Inflaton dominated, both thermal and non-thermal production

 $Y_{\text{thermal}}(T_{\text{reh}}) + Y_{\text{non-thermal}}(T_{\text{reh}})$

• Thermal production \rightarrow similar but

• Higgs is absent in radiation
•
$$H = \sqrt{\frac{\pi^2 g_*}{90}} \frac{T^4}{T_{\rm reh}^2}$$

$$Y_{\rm thermal}(T_{\rm reh}) \simeq \frac{69\sqrt{10}}{40\pi^6 g_{\rm reh}^{1/2}} \frac{T_{\rm reh}^3}{M_{\rm Pl}^3}$$

Non-thermal production

M. A. G. Garcia, K. Kaneta, Y. Mambrini and K. A. Olive, 2012.10756

$$\frac{d}{da}(n_X a^3) \simeq \sqrt{\frac{3}{\rho_{\text{end}}}} M_{\text{Pl}} a^2 \left(\frac{a}{a_{\text{end}}}\right)^{3/2} R(a)$$

$$R = \frac{1}{8\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\mathcal{M}_n|^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_{X,\text{eff}}^2}{n^2 \omega^2}},$$

only n = 1 for harmonic oscillation ω : oscillation frequency M_n : transition amplitude of inflaton with Fourier mode n

• contact terms

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Note : Higgs condensate effects are negligible

• contact terms

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